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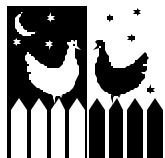
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand was seasonally slow to fair, best for light features and more traditional holiday foods. Food service was light to fairly good as catered holiday functions, fast food promotions, and restaurant business attracted additional interest. Supplies were at least adequate and available, at times long for heavier sizes. In the parts structure, breast items moved into a better position, particularly bone-in, and cleared well. Wings were sufficient, but closer balanced for party wings, and dark meat was at least available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 63.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on December 13, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	186.00
BREASTS - B/S	126.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	88.00
LEG QUARTERS	28.50
WINGS	86.50

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WESTERN The market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings of heavyweight whole body product remained ample with lightweight product in fair balance. Buying activity was seasonal for immediate needs as holiday oriented meat items took center stage. Retail demand for whole body and parts moderate by stores where features in progress otherwise only fair; light to moderate for white tablecloth restaurants and moderate to good by fast food. Floor stocks overall adequate. The market tone was barely steady on dark meat items, fully steady on white meat items with bone-in breasts in the strongest position.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonal and usually reported as no better than light to moderate. Offerings of heavier sizes were fully adequate to ample, but lighter weights were in a balance to occasionally tight position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts and party wings were in good balance to tight. However, boneless-skinless breasts were in a better position than early week but still available. Balance of parts were at least adequate for the light and selective buying interest.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole fryers was barely steady to weak. Additional whole birds and Wogs offerings were moderate to heavy for the very light trade interest. Retail demand was slow to fair at best with limited feature activity attracting slight shopper interest. Food service movement was improved with catering and sit-down restaurants providing moderate demand and the Chicago area reporting moderately good interest into fast food outlets. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate with a few buyers cutting back on regular commitments to maintain balance. Weights were generally in a desirable range. Parts trading remained light and spotty. Supplies were adequate to ample for immediate trade needs. The market tone was steady to instances firm on wings, and about steady to occasionally weak on remaining items.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was typically and seasonally light to fair, but reports that interest and inquiries had shown some increase and supplies were still sufficient, but not as plentiful as previous weeks. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, but slightly improved. Breast items and wings were better balanced and moving, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 12/08/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	180,514	176,288
CHICKS PLACED	147,514	143,211
19 STATES		
EGGS SET	200,694	-
CHICKS PLACED	164,943	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 181 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 8, 2001. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 8, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 8, 2001 were 7.16 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 201 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 8, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 8, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 19-Jan-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 147.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.29 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DECEMBER 12, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	875	105.00-168.00	118-125	131.39
TENDERLOINS	87	105.00-200.00	105-110	131.11
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	58.00-62.00	58-60	58.46
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	34.00-48.00	34-36	35.27
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	376	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	23.00-31.00	24-26	26.31
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	80.00-88.50	84-86	86.87
WINGS (CUT)	463	94.00-110.00	95-103	99.90
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	867	105.00-168.00	118-125	131.31
TENDERLOINS	76	105.00-199.00	105-110	134.74
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	58.00-61.00	58-60	58.33
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	33.00-48.00	34-35	34.36
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	21.00-27.00	21-23	21.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	23.00-31.00	24-26	26.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	80.00-88.00	84-86	86.54
WINGS (CUT)	418	94.00-109.00	94-103	99.14
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.50	39.43	39.25 - 44.50	39.75	40.01

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was fair but unaggressive. Offerings of b/s breasts were available but slightly improved from early week, bone-in breasts were noted as about adequate to a balanced position. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient, with thighs reported in the longest position. Wings were generally adequate, although party wings were short. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair, and was best for the occasional feature. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, improved on party wings, and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES
DECEMBER 11, 2001

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	117.59	411,060
TENDERLOINS	100	104.60	65,555
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	59.43	207,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	53.92	150,520
LEGS	38-39	42.82	141,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	25.09	282,804
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	42.37	171,860
THIGHS	34-35	41.02	87,250
B/S THIGHS	86-87	83.26	42,430
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	89.94	347,950
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	29,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.77	10,715
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	61.73	24,790

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	117.18	515,320
TENDERLOINS	100	103.55	81,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52	59.88	206,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	51	54.17	124,840
LEGS	38-39	42.53	156,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	25.32	339,418
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.89	153,030
THIGHS	33-34	39.27	111,740
B/S THIGHS	86-87	80.93	91,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	89.99	375,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.96	48,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.45	13,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.31	39,240

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	AVG				AVG			
	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS
	12/12	12/11	12/10	12/07	12/10	12/07	12/05	12/03
ALA	4,120	4,059	4,011	4,455	5.18	5.06	4,003	5.13
ARK	5,298	5,291	5,299	5,663	5.02	4.82	5,004	5.06
DELMARVA	2,099	2,243	2,140	2,272	5.22	5.08	2,328	5.12
KY-LA-TN	1,952	1,930	1,924	1,939	4.60	4.52	2,034	4.66
MISS	2,797	2,835	2,836	2,873	5.16	5.09	2,800	5.23
NC	2,637	2,333	2,531	2,650	6.05	5.86	2,661	6.02
TEXAS	2,409	2,410	2,409	2,915	4.87	4.96	2,405	5.05
TOTAL	21,312	21,101	21,150	22,767	5.16	5.04	21,235	5.18
MON-WED 63,826 (A)					63,678(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Dec 01 and is estimated to be 31,885,000 up 0.06 percent from a week ago and up 28.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,865,000; last year 24,800,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING DEC 15-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/15/01 (1)	12/08/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	161,555 (2)	161,228
LT HENS	2,119	2,070
HVY HENS	1,505	1,744
CHECK TOTAL	165,179	165,042

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Dec-01 is 152.0 million head compared to 150.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.9 million head or 9.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 22-Dec-01 the estimated available is 145.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08-Dec-01	72,485	79,269
AM 1-Dec-01	69,047	73,444
CHG	3,438	5,825
PCT CHG	5	8

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/10/01	12/03/01	12/11/00	12/10/01	12/03/01	12/11/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	5,746	5,365	6,355	3,127	3,037	7,689
LOS						
ANGELES	206	169	157	1,733	1,688	2,059

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2001

		RANGE			FOR 12/11/01		
		LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)						56-60
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)						60-68
HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES							
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	.90	.58	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.20	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.30	.70	.53	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.55	1.10	.90	BANTAMS ea.	.75	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.80	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.50	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	4.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.35	1.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	.80	.70	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	3.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	5.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	.55	1.00	.73	TURKEYS ea.	5.00	6.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.30	1.00	.63	DUCKS ea.	-	6.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.95	1.23	RABBITS ea.	.75	2.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	2.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.75	3.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	1.25	-
TOTAL COOPS 145							

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending December 7, 2001

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	50.79	128.20	78.89	19.72	19.72	59.17
High	56.21	138.06	88.75	24.65	24.65	59.17
Mostly	52.27	138.06	78.89	19.72	19.72	59.17
SAN JUAN						
Low	62.13	128.20	83.82	29.58	16.27	53.25
High	66.07	142.99	88.75	39.45	24.65	53.25
Mostly	64.10	138.06	86.29	34.52	19.72	53.25
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	50.29	128.20	78.89	19.72	19.72	61.63
High	56.21	138.06	88.75	24.65	24.65	61.63
Mostly	53.25	128.20	78.89	19.72	19.72	61.63
BECERRA						
Low	62.62	128.20	83.82	34.52	14.79	53.25
High	65.09	138.06	88.75	44.38	19.72	53.25
Mostly	64.10	128.20	83.82	39.45	14.79	53.25

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light to fair at best and typical of mid-week trading. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices was unchanged at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to available. The balance of items were at least adequate for trade needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		40-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		50.74
NO. OF BOXES		9,931

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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